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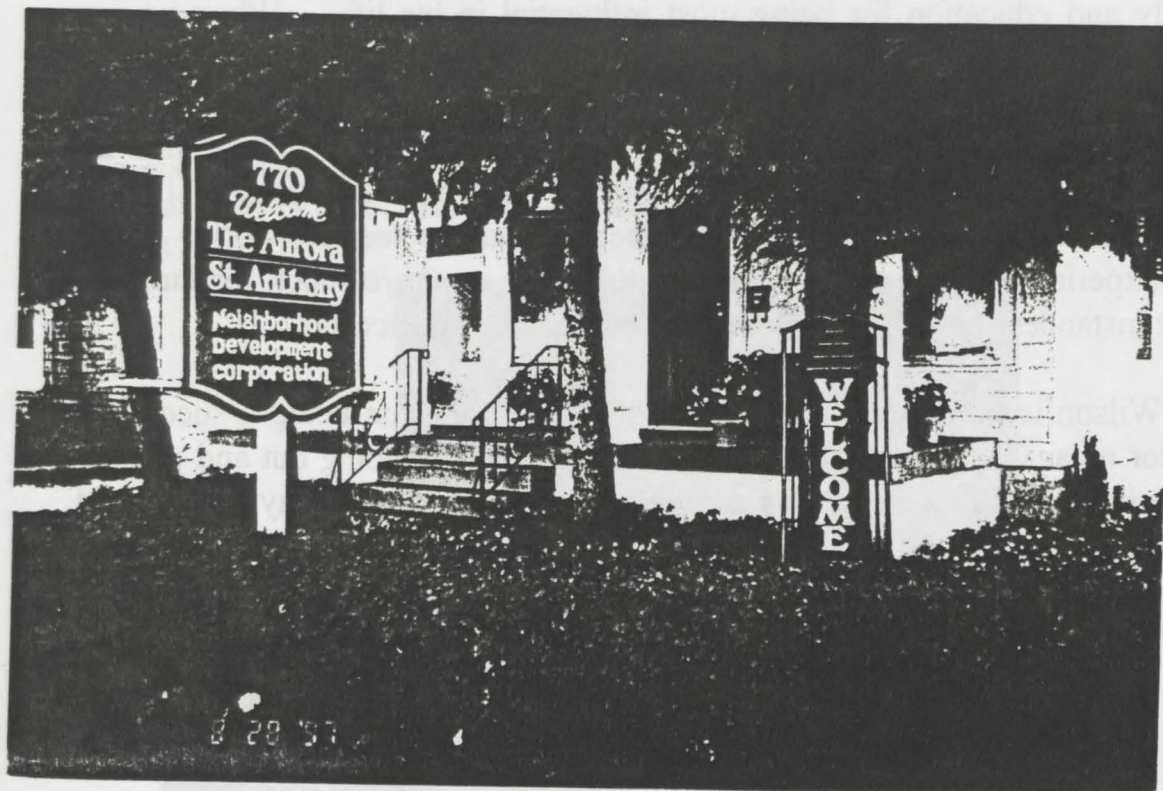
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The PROFILES PROJECT was designed to acknowledge conscientious African Americans that live in and around the Aurora Saint Anthony Neighborhood, as well as generate role models in the community for children of color. The PROFILE PROJECT began by people in the community nominating individuals to be recognized. Then letters were sent to potential Profile participants. Interested candidates scheduled a fifteen to thirty minute interview with the Coordinator of the project, Heather Mickelson. Finally, a senior and youth from the neighborhood accompanied the coordinator to the interview. The purpose of the interview was to focus on the individuals experiences/background and the advice they would give to youth in the area. Thirty-two profiles were completed and displayed on kioskes in the Urban Market on Wednesday, September 24, 1997. This project was completed for the Aurora Saint Anthony Neighborhood Development Corporation. The PROFILES PROJECT is currently being used as the stepping stone for an entrepreneur program as well as laying ground to develop a mentoring program for this organization. This project is now displayed in the Aurora Saint Anthony Neighborhood Development Corporation and other service agencies in the area.

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PROFILES PROJECT

Stephen A. Wilson

Born and raised in St. Paul, Mr. Stephen A. Wilson's dedication to this community is evident through the numerous organizations in which he is actively involved. As well as being a Resource Planning Account Manager at the Northern States Power Company, he is also a volunteer and community advocate. Mr. Wilson aims to work hard and make a difference. He credits family and education for being most influential in his life. When he was growing up his sister and brother were his mentors, his sister's radical philosophy taught him to stand up for what he believes while his brother showed him the importance of going to college. However, events like his father passing away when he was a baby and his brother being the first black Minnesotan to be killed in Vietnam shaped the way he sees the world. It was also experiences like going to college, that was a culture shock for him, but these instances showed him that he can overcome and succeed.

Mr. Wilson is a mentor to young males, he believes that being a successful mentor means "showing these kids you can still enjoy going out and playing basketball and still wear a shirt and tie and go to work everyday." We need to show young people that "we see what they see and it is not all bad." Mr. Wilson's advice to youth is that "respect is something that is earned, if you do not give respect you will not receive it."



"You really never know how much your contribution means."

Homer Wilson

Homer Wilson has been a positive component of the Aurora Saint Anthony neighborhood for years. His dedication to community and neighbors is the essence of this man. Mr. Homer Wilson recognizes his god and religion as having the most influence in his life. He appreciates the gifts of inspiration and pride that his parents instilled in him as a child. Mr. Wilson also acknowledges that his education, "mostly self taught in libraries and school of hard knocks", has helped him achieve many goals throughout his life. This is why he encourages people to "prepare yourself, a person prepared has half of all his battles already won."

Mr. Wilson asks children and young adults to "get as much education as you possibly can." He would also like young people to "get into a church and be serious about serving your god." Lastly, Mr. Wilson would like us all to remember to "think before we act or speak and have "good character", it means who and what we are when no one is looking."



"Stand alone when you know you are right, when necessary. Remember the majority is not necessarily always right. A lynch mob is a majority, never forget that."

Gwendolyn Timberlake

A native of Texas, Dr. Gwendolyn Timberlake has made her home and dental practice in this community for several years. She credits her education, church, social background, jobs and parents for shaping the woman she is today. Her family being the major influence throughout her life. Dr. Timberlake would like to see young people engaging themselves in "more experiences that would broaden them, like the arts." She would also encourage them to set goals and acquire skills."

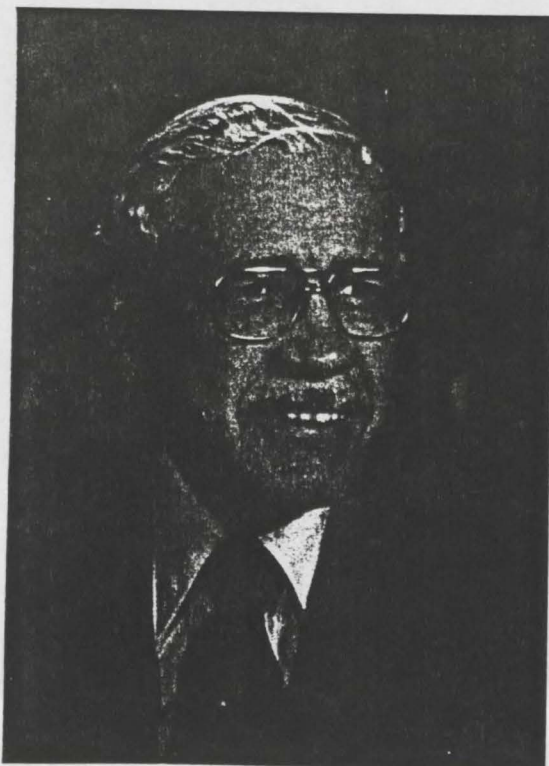


"You should have a life that is forever climbing."

Robert Smith

As a life long resident of the Aurora Saint Anthony Neighborhood, Mr. Robert Smith is proud this area is home. The retired teacher, administrator and Scout Master for the Boys Scouts, credits a strong family, church, Boy Scouts and United States army as important experiences that have shaped his life. A loving husband and father believes it was his two parents, Grandfather and other male role-models who aided in shaping his values and goals. Church gave him religion and faith. While the Boys Scouts instilled in him independence and hard work.

Since Mr. Smith has been actively involved in education throughout his life he reminds young adults to "study, get as much education as possible." He also encourages young people to "get a good hold on reading." He concludes by asking everyone to have "respect for ourselves and the other person."



"Carry yourself in a respectful way"

Joyce Shelton

Joyce Shelton attributes her caring and nurturing father for “fully being there” throughout her childhood and a special and dedicated grandmother, whom taught her many of the lessons she now teaches others, as being important parts of her life. These two influences have molded the person Joyce Shelton is today. She also acknowledges her teachers that “would not take less than the best” for guiding her towards career aspirations.

Her advice to youth is to obey your parents/guardians, “never have a closed ear” and ask questions. She would also urge young adults to connect with a church. Ms. Shelton’s final advice is, “prepare yourself, go to school and learn as much as you can. This means we can not make excuses, only sacrifices.”

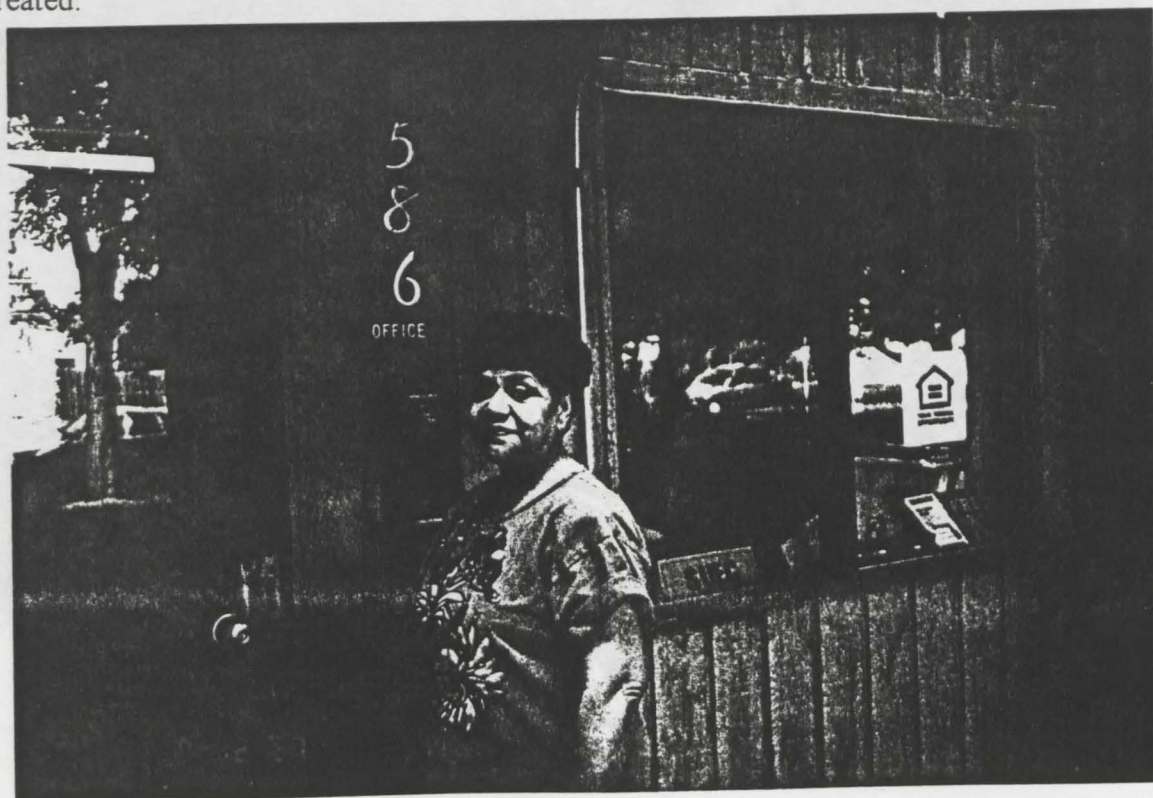


“Trust in God in all that you do, he will direct your path.”

Ora Lee Patterson

Born at 479 Rondo Avenue, Ms. Ora Lee Patterson's commitment to this neighborhood has only strengthened through the years. It is this community along with her parents that have most influenced her life. Throughout her childhood, she remembers "everyone in the neighborhood always sharing and helping one another out." It is this community responsibility that she holds in high regard. This is illustrated by Ms. Patterson and her six brothers and sisters "never knowing they were not rich." Her father also influenced her to "get involved". He taught her the importance of understanding politics and participating in community service. Ms. Patterson has taken this knowledge and made her life's work serving the people in this area. She firmly believes that "there is always someone who can teach you something."

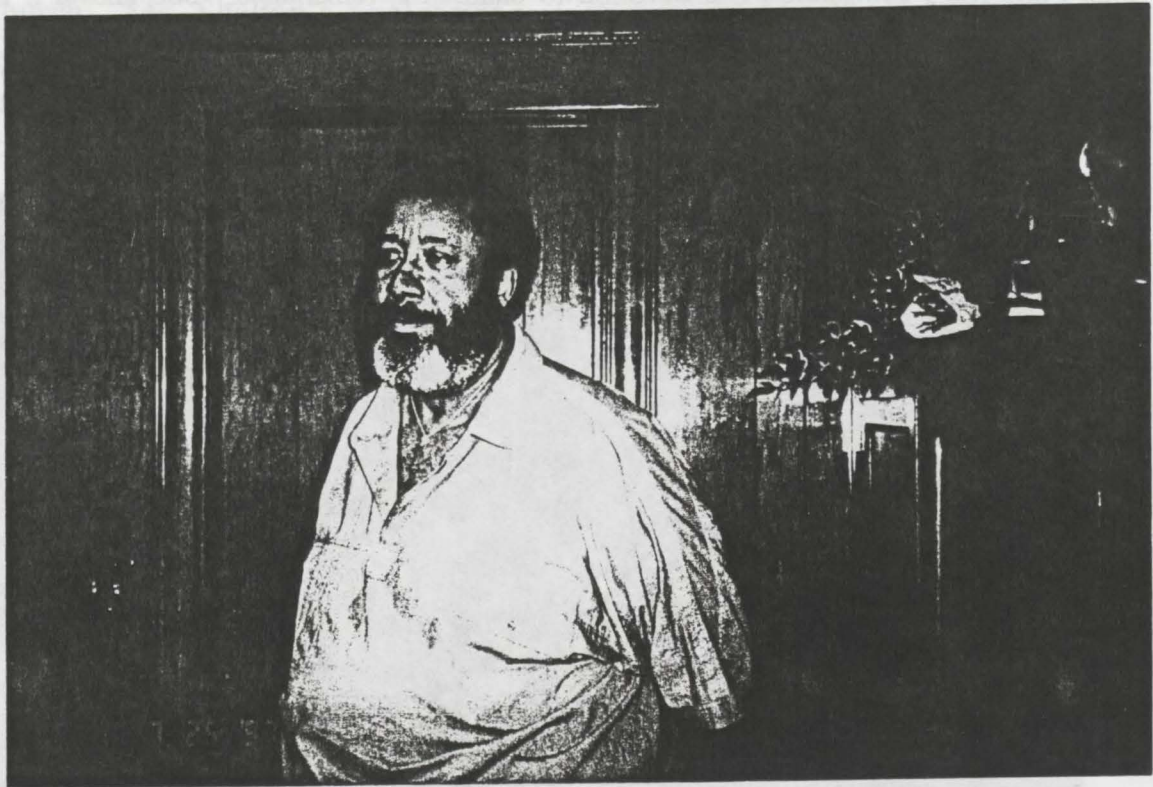
Ms. Patterson's compassion and devotion to children is remarkable. She knows it is critical for growth that young people "look first to their creator for their strength." Ms. Patterson offers this advice to young adults, "be respectful, get a good education and learn how to get along with others." It is also important for children to "love their neighbor", this means treating your fellow man with respect. Treat them the way you would like to be treated.



"If God would have wanted us to go backward he would have planted our feet that way."

Wendell B. Patrick

St. Paul native, Wendell B. Patrick credits role models, persistence and faith in a higher power for guiding him toward accomplishing his goals and dreams. He wants youth to "keep the faith. Do not discount yourself or anybody's ability to achieve. Remember, when you accomplish your goals make sure you have the humility to be grateful for yourself and for those who have aided you." Mr. Patrick urges people not to give up, as Martin Luther King Jr. stated "Keep on keeping on."

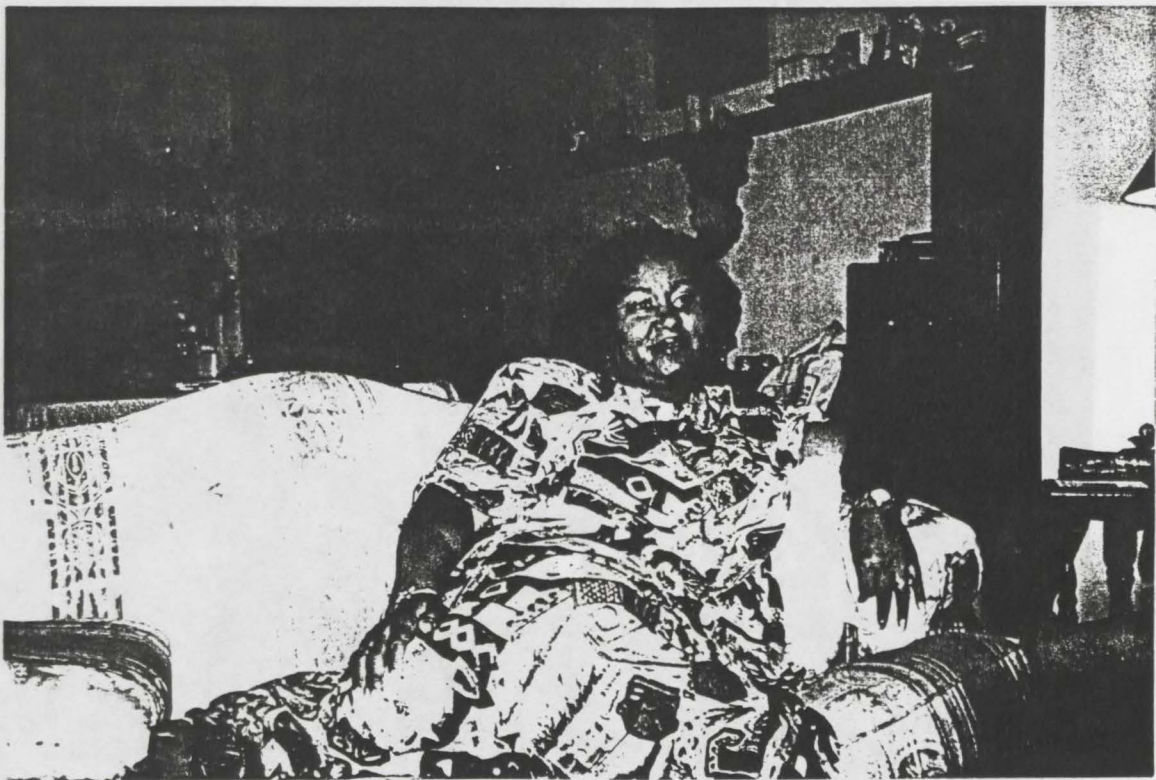


"...and the world belongs to those who show up."

-Woody Allen

Barbara O'Neal

Originally from Milwaukee, Ms. O'Neal has made the Aurora Saint Anthony Neighbor home. This caring wife and mother of two believes her family, church and education have most influenced her life. She broadens the definition of family to include extended family, neighbors and friends, because family is truly her community. As a teacher, Ms. O'Neal encounters children of all ethnic background. She strives to "celebrate where every child is coming from." Ms. O'Neal does this by "helping them understand their backgrounds are important and should be celebrated." She feels this is meaningful because, "we can learn more from one another when we understand we can teach one another." Ms. O'Neal concludes by reminding young people that "you do have a choice, there are many options."

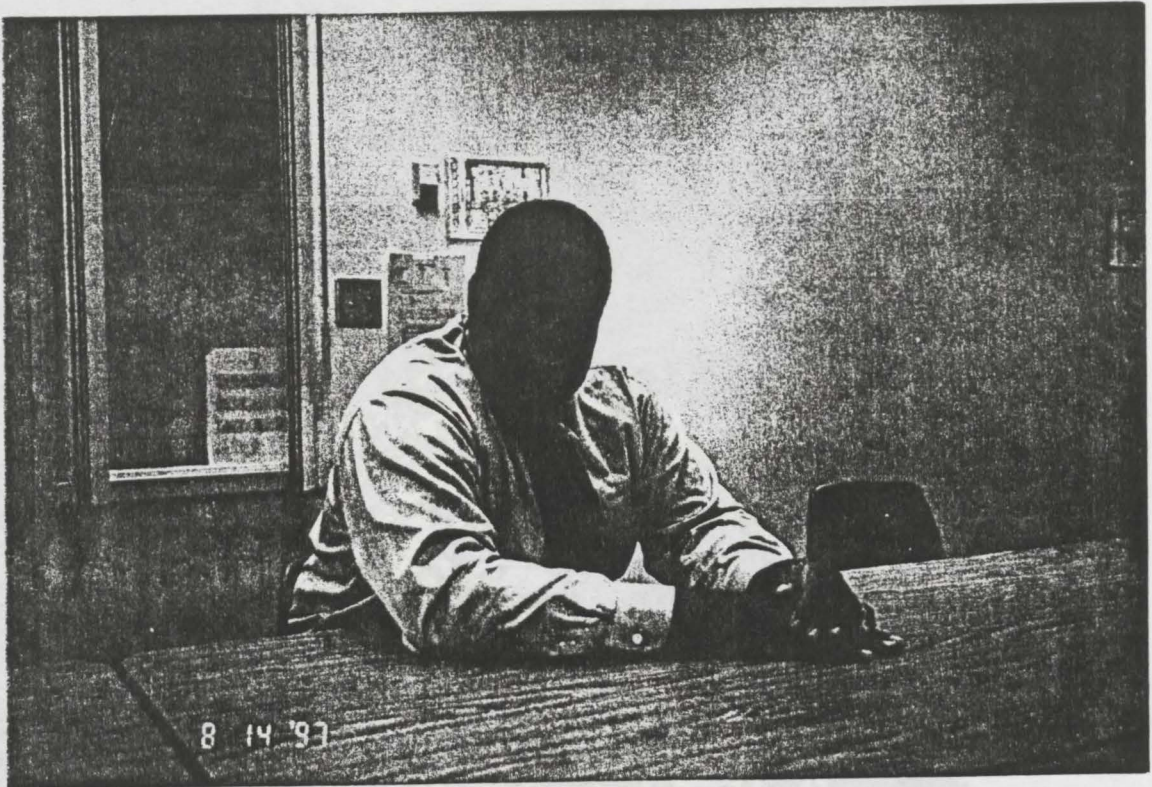


"Remember to treat children with the love and respect they were put here for, reach out to them no matter what."

Willie Nesbit Jr.

Mr. William Nesbit Jr., Director of the Ronald Hubbs Center, has been dedicated to the community and neighborhoods of St. Paul since arrival in Minnesota over twenty year ago. This devoted husband and father of three believes his mother, father and church have been most influential in shaping the man he is today. His parents have taught him the importance of finishing what you start and the strength of responsibility." The church has been instrumental in reinforcing the values his parents gave him.

It is through his experiences that he offers young adults this advice, "be responsible and always have God in your life." He illustrates this belief by living his life according to Joshua, "As for me and my house, we will serve God." The importance of education and community are also values he wants to instill in youth. Mr. Nesbit Jr.'s final thought to us all is "he will be grateful when all of America can truly appreciate diversity. Unfortunately, we have not even begun to understand what this means."



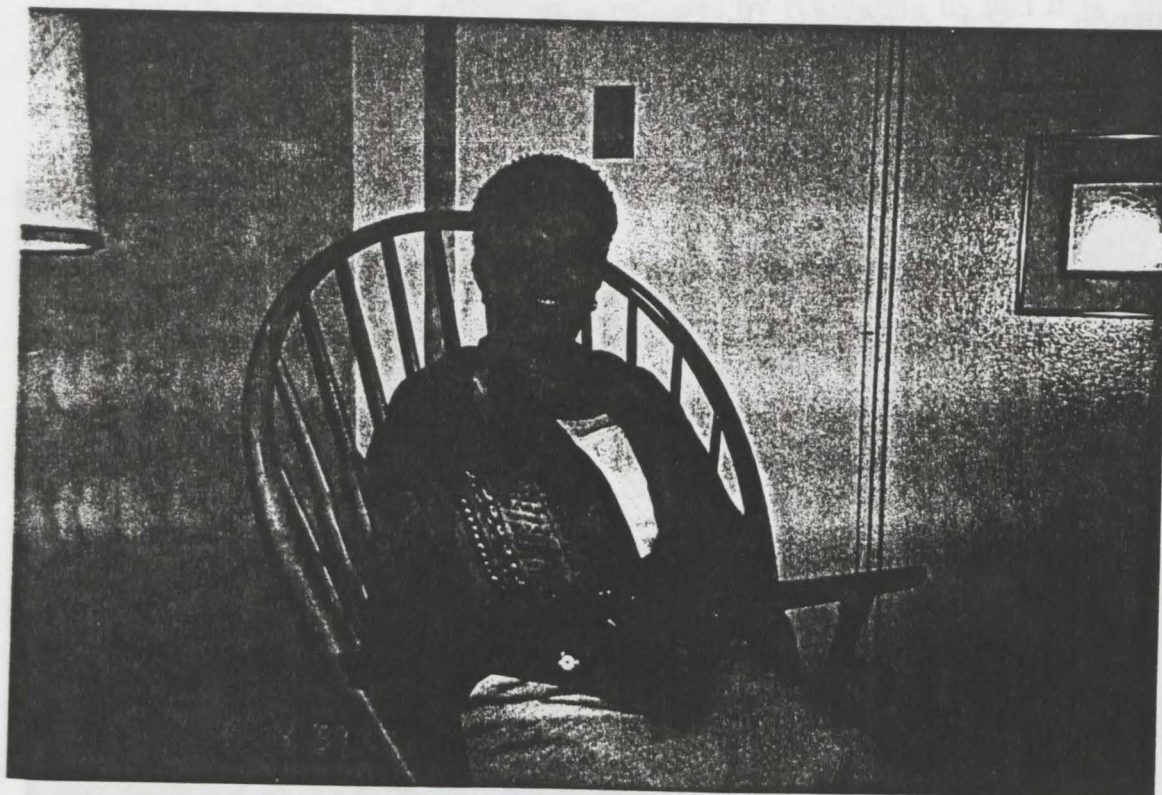
"Look at them, together they can do anything."

-Genesis

Mary K. Murray-Boyd

A St. Paul native, Ms. Murray-Boyd appreciates the community, church and family which have shaped the woman she is today. She recognizes that "we can not do it alone." Therefore, it is people like her grandmother, mother and father who have instilled in her inspiration, hope and optimism.

As the Director of Achievement Plus, her dedication to children is illustrated through her life's work to "involve parents more closely in their children's education." She would like to offer to young people something she was taught as a child, "never give up, because it is never too late." Ms. Murray-Boyd wants children to know that "if it is not life or death, do not take it too seriously. There has to be humor in life." She understands that life is not always easy, but reminds us that "a kick is a boost and that challenges are why we get up in the morning."



"Where there is life there is hope."

Laurel Mayberry

Born and raised in St. Paul Ms. Mayberry has called this area home for her whole life. Her mother, family and education have been her greatest influences. Ms. Mayberry remembers her mother as a matriarch, she was the law and the comforter. Her mother was the strength and love that guided the family. It is the gifts of tradition and support that Ms. Mayberry thanks her family for teaching her. Education has always been important to Ms. Mayberry, she remembers being a child and ask why should you go to college? Her answer, which was read in front of the class, was "because I want to and I should." She still believes this statement. As an avid reader she encourages children "to read and read well." She would also encourage them to make conscious choices. "Be aware of your choices and chose wisely." Ms. Mayberry understands that children are sensitive, she would like adults to "be sensitive to children's feelings, imagine yourself in their situation." She concludes by reminding everyone that "happiness is contagious."



"You are your own hero."

Richard M. Mangram

Mr. Richard Mangram, Executive Director of the Hallie Q. Brown Community Center, Inc., has been helping to serve the people of St. Paul for over twenty years. This loving husband and devoted father of three credits his belief in the heavenly father, caring family, great friends and supportive neighborhood as well as college as being the main contributors to shaping the man he is today. When he reflects upon his teachers, it is his grandmother, a former slave, that he acknowledges for motivating him to push himself to heights he never even dreamed possible.

Mr. Mangram knows "children of color need role models of color." He believes this is what "children in this community take away from the neighborhood, solid role models of color." His advice to young people is to listen to your elders. "They have been where you want to go." Since education is so important, he would also encourage children "to pay attention to what your teachers are trying to tell you." Our young people are the future, this is why it is so imperative that we "take time for them." Mr. Mangram concludes by reminding us that it is "faith, nothing but faith" that keeps us moving forward.



"Have faith in God, with that faith you can never fail."

Margaret B. LaFleur

Ms. Margaret LaFleur has called the Aurora Saint Anthony Neighborhood home for over twenty-five years. Her commitment to people stems from home, church and school influences. She credits her parents for teaching her to work hard, her church for giving her the gift of God and her teachers for their dedication.

Children have a special place in Ms. LaFleur's heart. This is why she would like them to "respect themselves and others." Since education has been central in her life she asks young adults to "open themselves up to learning. Through this action they will grow and find out who they are as a person. Faith is an essential of life and this is why she would also encourage young adults to "recognize a supreme being." Above all "dare to dream."



"Be willing to receive, so you are able to give."

James Kirk

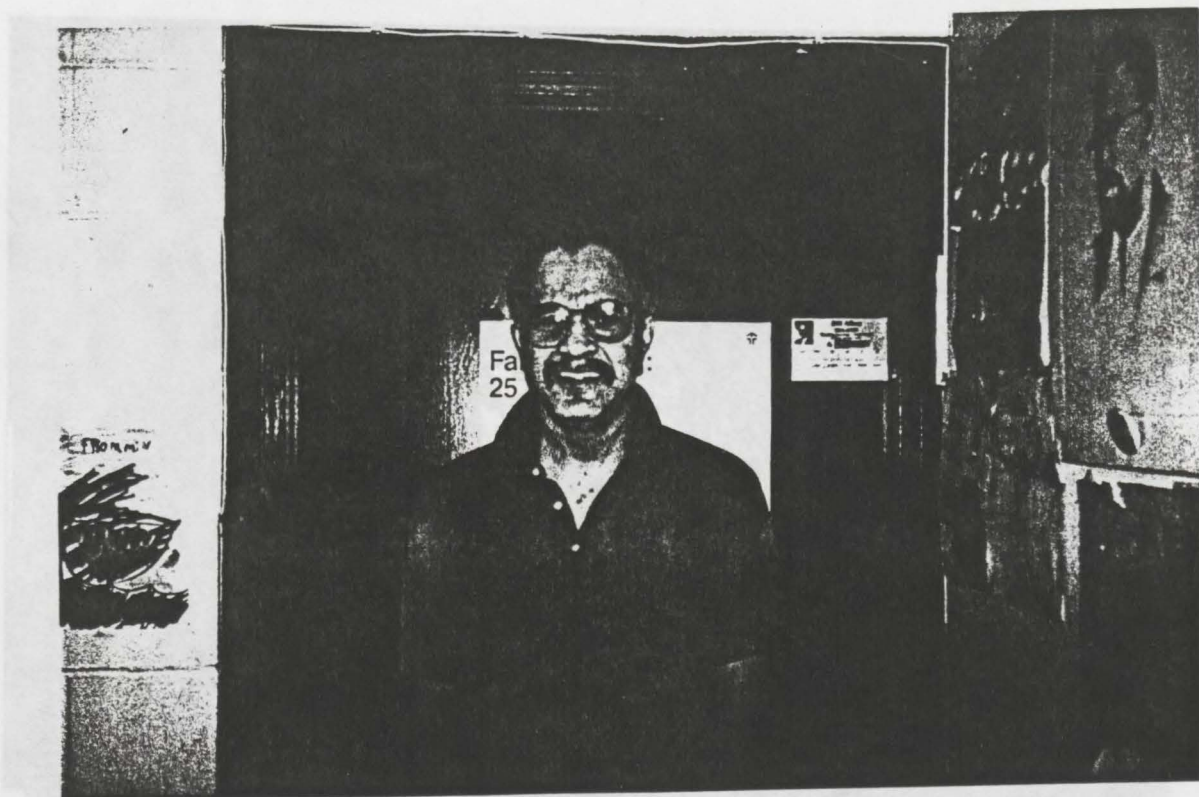
Integrity, honesty and self motivation are the principles by which James Kirk has lived his life. He has resided in St. Paul since he was thirteen years old and this is the community he has been actively involved in since his arrival in Minnesota. Mr. Kirk credits his strong roots in community, education and family, especially his wife of 51 years, as the greatest influences that have shaped whom he is today. He would like children to know that "the opportunities are much more available for them today than in the past, be grateful and take advantage."



"Take advantage of every opportunity you come upon."

Nathaniel Abdul Khaliq

A life long resident of St. Paul, Mr. Khaliq, President-St. Paul NAACP Chapter and businessman, began his life in the Rondo community. Reflecting on his life he believes his grandfather, grandmother, mother and Malcolm X have most influenced the man he is today. His grandparents helped to raise him, they taught him not to stray from moral character and how to be successful. As they said, "Do as we, live faith." Mr. Khaliq is proud of his independent mother whom showed him the value of "working and striving hard." She also did not allow him to "dwell on being fatherless or poor." Gaining understanding of Malcolm X, his beliefs, life and work had a profound impact on Mr. Khaliq's life. When he discovered Malcolm X, he instantly saw the striking resemblances between their lives, such as losing a father. However, Malcolm X did not let this set him back instead he raised himself up and found his way through faith. Mr. Nathaniel Abdul Khaliq has also chosen this path. He is dedicated to serving his community. This is demonstrated by his life's work. Mr. Khaliq offer this to us all, "Never loose hope."

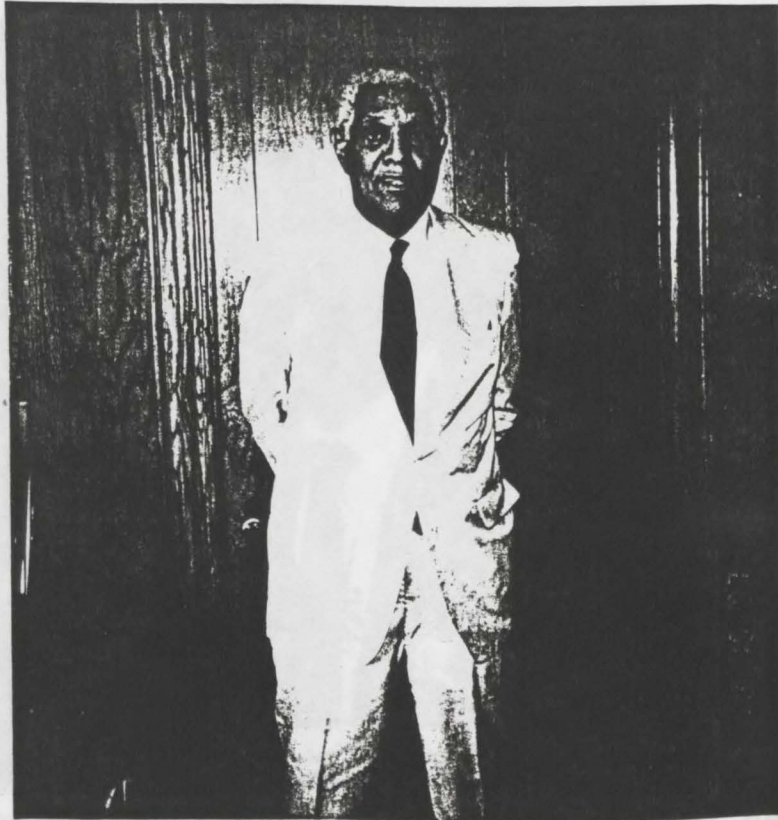


"We as a people must stand up against wrong. People have the first line of defense."

James Griffin

James Griffin was born and raised in the Rondo community of St. Paul. He has seen this area grow and change throughout his life and warns that "when we talk of St. Paul; we need to talk in the correct time frame." Community involvement and compassion for his neighborhood have been central in his life. This can be illustrated by his 42 years on the police force, ten of those years he served as Deputy Chief of Police and by his commitment to the School Board, which he served on for 17 years. Mr. Griffin earned all of his accomplishments, such as receiving a Honoree Doctoral Degree from Concordia University in St. Paul, having St. Paul Central Stadium renamed James J Griffin Stadium in his honor, being a member of three hall of fames and receiving the Richard Green Award for leadership by the Council of Great Cities School Board.

This devoted husband, father and grandfather believes his family, education and life in St. Paul have shaped his life. A man who never gave up on himself or his community, as shown by him going back to college at age 30 and by becoming the first black Deputy Chief of Police in Minnesota, asks children to acquire more self discipline, education and perseverance.



"We need more research to make sure what we are hearing and saying is true."

Frances Goodlow

Ms. Goodlow is a native of Chicago, Illinois, however she has called Minnesota home for many years. This loving wife and mother recognizes her mother, father and church for being the greatest influences who have shaped her. She is thankful for having such great parents that were really involved and supportive of her through out her life. It is through her experience as a child that she realized that it is "important that parents take part in their children's life." This includes "being there for concerts and sports games as well as taking them to parks and other recreational activities." She encourages young people to "stay in school and open those minds and learn as much as you can." Ms. Goodlow believes that "at a early age children should be involved in social events, academic learning, community service and extra circular activities. By participating in these endeavors children will gain "knowledge of what their community is about. They will also know the people in the community and what these people are about. Thus enabling the young people to know what they should be about when they grow up."



"Children, put a lot of emphasis on learning and loving your parents."

David Goodlow

Mr. Goodlow credits World War II, the railroad and coaching as the three items that most shaped his life. The second world war lead his family to Minnesota and it was the railroad that brought him to St. Paul. Mr. Goodlow believes that starting Little Roads in St. Paul is his most significant contribution to this community." However, it is his desire to coach that has motivated him to coach basketball, football and golf in this neighborhood for years. Through the years Mr. Goodlow has been able to coach players like David and Stacey Robinson.

According to Mr. Goodlow, "Children and adults have found very few ways to show true appreciation for each other. The greatest need of every human being is that of being appreciated." His advice to adults and children is to "find unique and different ways of showing you appreciate each other."

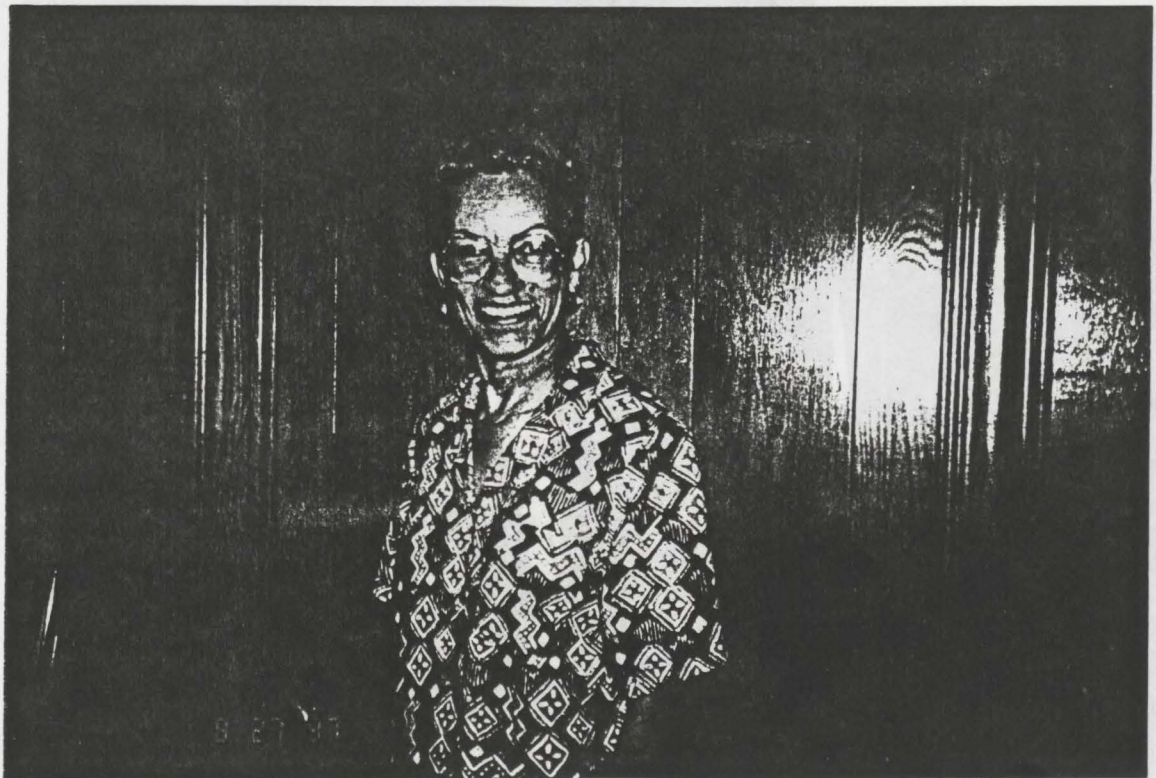


"A man can not ride your back unless it is bent."

Leslie Garner

Ms. Leslie Garner has resided in St. Paul for thirty-one years. Since she and her husband came to Minnesota her commitment to children has been evident through her actions. Ms. Garner's love for children is reflected in her chosen career as a teacher and her enthusiasm as a volunteer with children. She believes that a wonderful family, husband, parents and grandparents, encouragement from teachers and role models from church have guided her to strive to be the person she is today.

Education has been center in Ms. Garner's life, this is why she asks young people to "get all the education you can and listen to your instructors, they have a lot to give you." Through life experience she has found that having at least two or three goals in mind, not just one, is important because "sometimes your best dreams fall through." Ms. Garner concludes by encouraging us all "to be a good friend, family member and get God into our life."

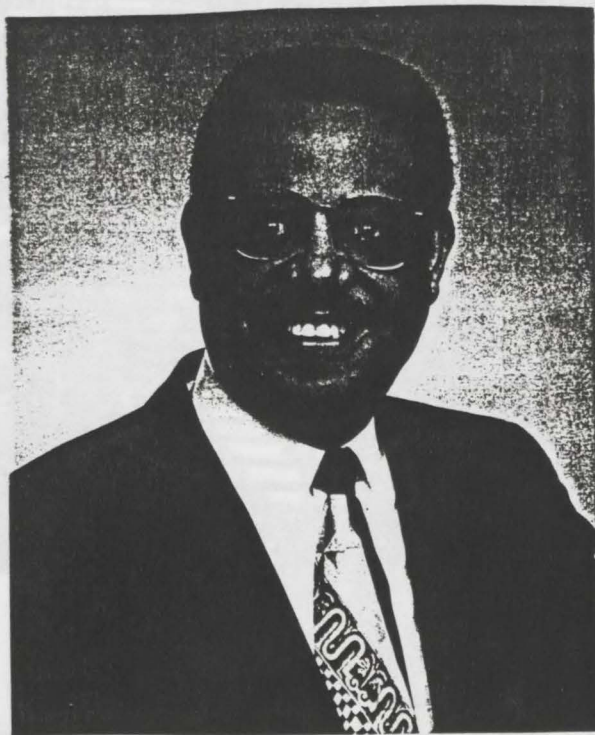


"Assert yourself in everything."

Curman L. Gaines

Dr. Curman Gaines, Superintendent of Saint Paul Public Schools, may not be a native of Minnesota, but his life's work for over twenty-seven years has been in the schools and neighborhoods of St. Paul. This Alexandria, Louisiana native credits close family ties, quality education and excellent teachers as having the most influence on the man he is today. He believes that being raised by a Baptist Minister, as well as being one of eleven children, has helped him develop his sensitivity to others. Dr. Gaines knows that the caring and nurturing teachers he has had throughout his life have aided in directing his educational pursuits. There are three special teachers in particular that Dr. Gaines would like to recognize for instilling in him the value of character and integrity, they are his 9th and 10th English teacher, his senior year speech teacher and his high school football coach.

As an educator and friend of all youth, Dr. Gaines would like to encourage young people to "establish a sense of direction." He asks us all, "Where do you want to be in five years?" Then he suggests we set goals and develop a plan to implement them. Since "a plan is not going to succeed if you do not have a standard," Dr. Gaines advises us to construct a "code of conduct." This is "how you are going to treat yourself and others." He hopes the code of conduct you chose is positive.



"The road to success is a quality education."

Mary Fletcher

A Louisiana native, Ms. Fletcher has contributed greatly to this community since her arrival in Minnesota. Many people know her from the Selby Market, which she owns and manages. Ms. Fletcher acquired her values from her family, she is especially grateful for the home training she received from her mother and the business skills her grandfather taught her. Ms. Fletcher is a respected friend and elder to many young people in the area, she has always had time for them. She would like to remind children that "school is important, but not all of life is learned through a text book." This is why she has hired so many youth in the area to work for her. "They learn many values and tools through work, in which school does not equip them."



"You can do anything if you set your mind to it."

William K. Finney

Mr. William K. Finney, Saint Paul Chief of Police, understands the value of giving back to his community. He credits his parents, community and education for shaping this and other values. Mr. Finney is grateful for having parents that were good role models. His mother's commitment to volunteering and his father's persevering attitude gave him the skills to achieve. Mr. Finney recognizes and appreciates the strong black community, as well as the general community of Saint Paul that has guided and strengthened him his whole life. As a product of the Saint Paul educational system, he believes this good education system gave him the strong educational foundation to strive for learning.

Mr. Finney would like children to "listen to positive thinking adults, these people have the best interest for you at heart." He reminds young people, that "if you want to be successful, be the best person you can be." This means "helping yourself as well as others." Finally, Police Chief Finney wants children to understand that "their life has value, and that one positively motivated individual can make a difference."



"As long as your living you are learning."

Roberta Davis

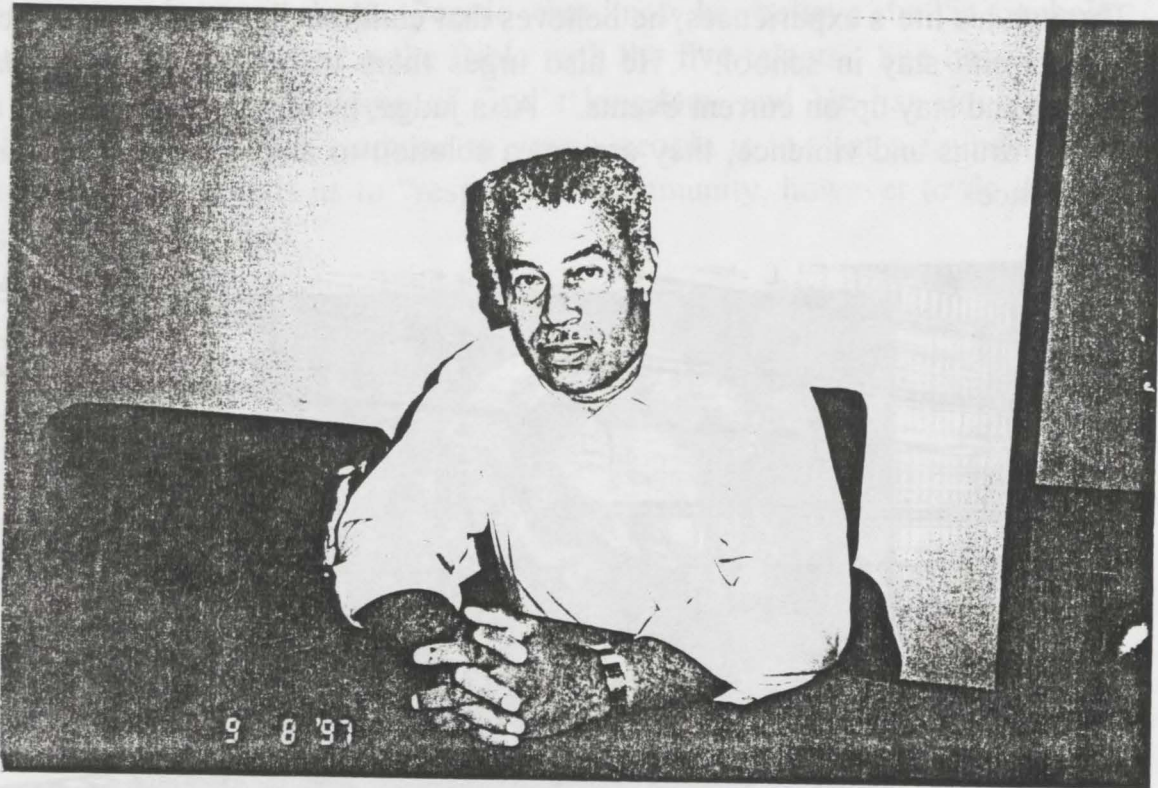
Ms. Roberta Davis, born and raised in this neighborhood, is an internationally renown jazz singer who has recorded and performed with some of the most prominent jazz musicians in the world. She credits her grandmother, mother and father for their help and devotion to her throughout her life. Ms. Davis recalls "nothing in life except music." She firmly believes "you can do whatever you want if you work hard enough for it." Ms. Davis reminds children to be passionate about their life and remember "whatever you do good or bad comes back to you."



"Make up your mind on what you want to do and do it well."

David Conover

Mr. David Conover's dedication to God, family and community has been the foundation of his life. Through faith anything can be achieved, this is why church is an important part of his life. He credits the success of his thirty-eight year marriage to Florence Conover to God, respect and trust Mr. Conover would like people to understand that marriage is a 50/50 partnership, sacrifices are imperative. He would also like to thank his grandparents for instilling in him the gift of responsibility. He believes that children are the most important part of the community. "We must protect and watch over them."



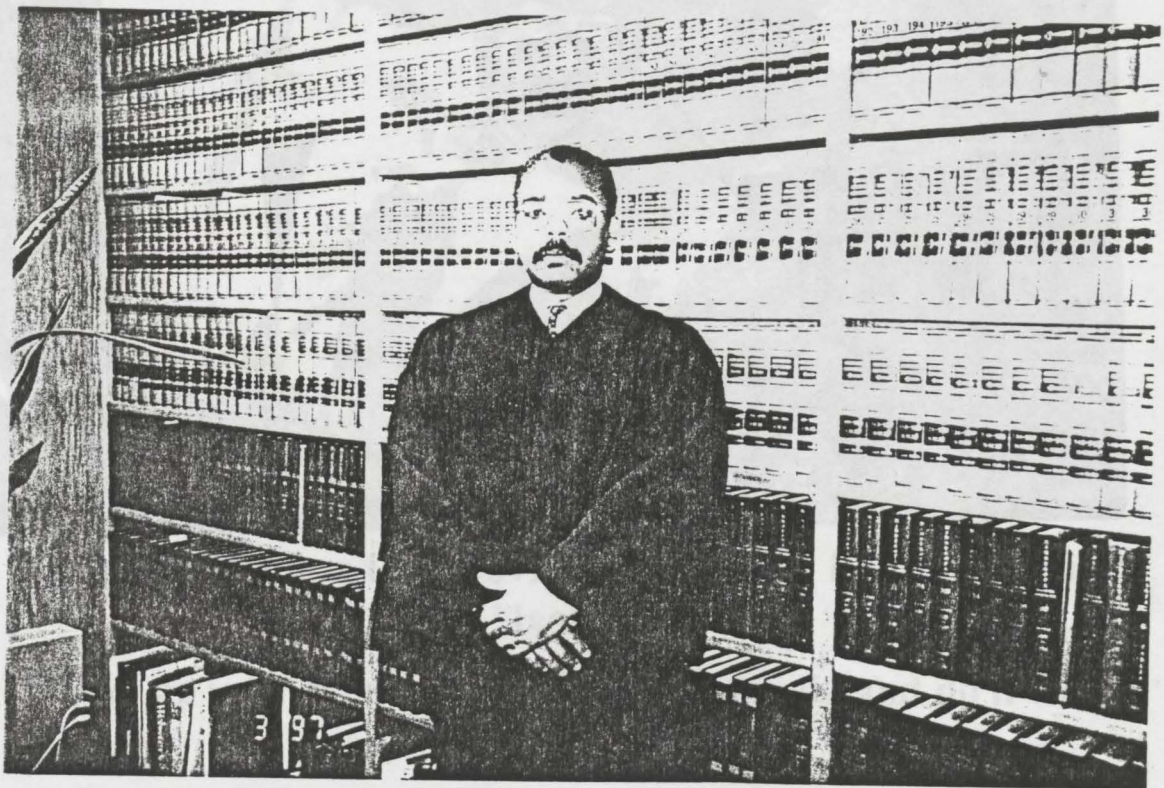
"You can succeed at any thing, have a goal and strive to reach that goal"

"Everything starts from a foundation in church."

James H. Clark, Jr.

Judge James H. Clark, Jr., a Minnesota native, has always called this area home. He stays in the neighborhood, because this is where his family remains and the fact that St. Paul is a "nice place to live." When asked what has shaped his life? He instantly responded, "my mother, father and teachers." His parents were instrumental in teaching him the "value of a quality education, hard work and determination." He credits his teachers, especially Earl Bowman, Dr. Joyce Jackson, Bruce Williams and Dr. Richard Green for expanding his mind.

Through his life's experiences, he believes that children should "listen to their parents and stay in school." He also urges them to read, "become very literate and stay up on current events." As a judge, he warns young people to "avoid drugs and violence, they are not a solution to anything." "Strive for excellence!"



"Flap your wings and fly."

Thelma Buckner

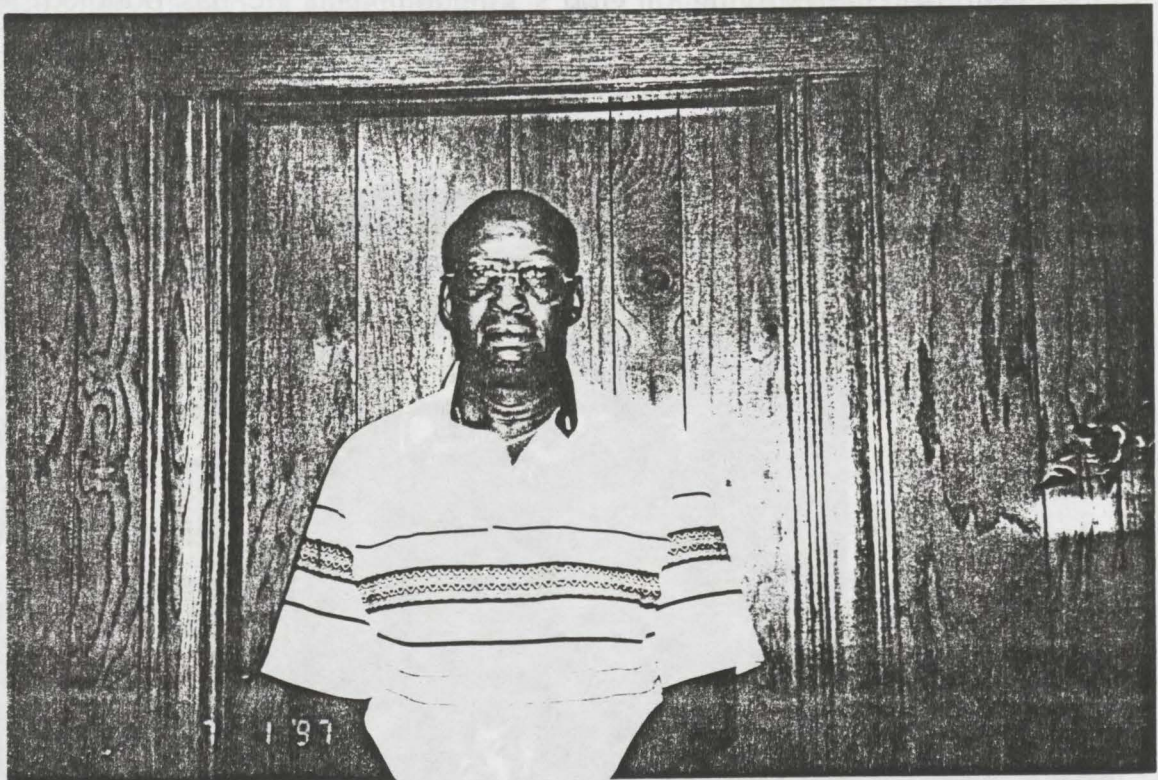
Ms. Thelma Buckner is a devoted mother, neighbor and friend. Affectionately, she is known to her entire community as Granny. This remarkable woman grew up in Mississippi, moving to Minnesota as an adult. Besides being an avid singer, Ms. Buckner's love for people has involved her in many projects and organizations throughout her life. She credits being raised in a Christian home as being the greatest influence in her life. It is there she learned to live life with the foundation of God, "to love thy neighbor" and to work hard. People that know her believe she "is symbolic of the parable of the man in the Bible with the five talents. She has used all of her skills for the edifying of God's kingdom, and He has doubled her talents." Ms. Buckner's advice to young people is to "get a foundation in church." She reminds us to "respect our community, however to do this we must first respect God."



"Everything starts from a foundation in church."

Ray Brown

Mr. Brown found his way to Minnesota through the guidance of a friend, since that first visit to the state he has been a resident of St. Paul. It is support from friends and family, as well as religion that have been most influential in his life. He would especially like to thank his strong grandmother for shaping the man he is today. Mr. Brown recognizes that there is a gap between the young and the old. He encourages "young people to seek out older folks, then listen to them." Mr. Brown also believes that young people should "focus on those who are doing well." He closes by asking youth to be involved in their community.



"I try to treat people the way I would like to be treated."

James Bradford

Mr. James Bradford has been a resident of St. Paul since he was four years old. He believes stern discipline from his father and responsibilities he has acquired throughout his life have shaped whom he is today. Mr. Bradford's ability to strive for dreams and dedication in working to achieve those pursuits are what makes this man remarkable. His life has been dedicated to improving the human condition as shown by his life time career as a lawyer, employed by the Attorney General as well as being a legal advisor. He is also a devoted member and supporter of the NAACP, Urban League, LEAA Grant and his church. Mr. Bradford understands the "necessity for a quality education." He reminds young adults that "education is not the sole possession of any ethnic group, it is up to the individual."



"Exert and apply yourself in your program, not someone else's program."

Jerry Blakey

Council Member Jerry Blakey, has been connected to this neighborhood through church since he was born. As a child, his family traveled forty miles one way on Sundays to attend Mount Olivet Baptist Church. His church, as well as, his parents and his hard work ethic have shaped the man he is today.

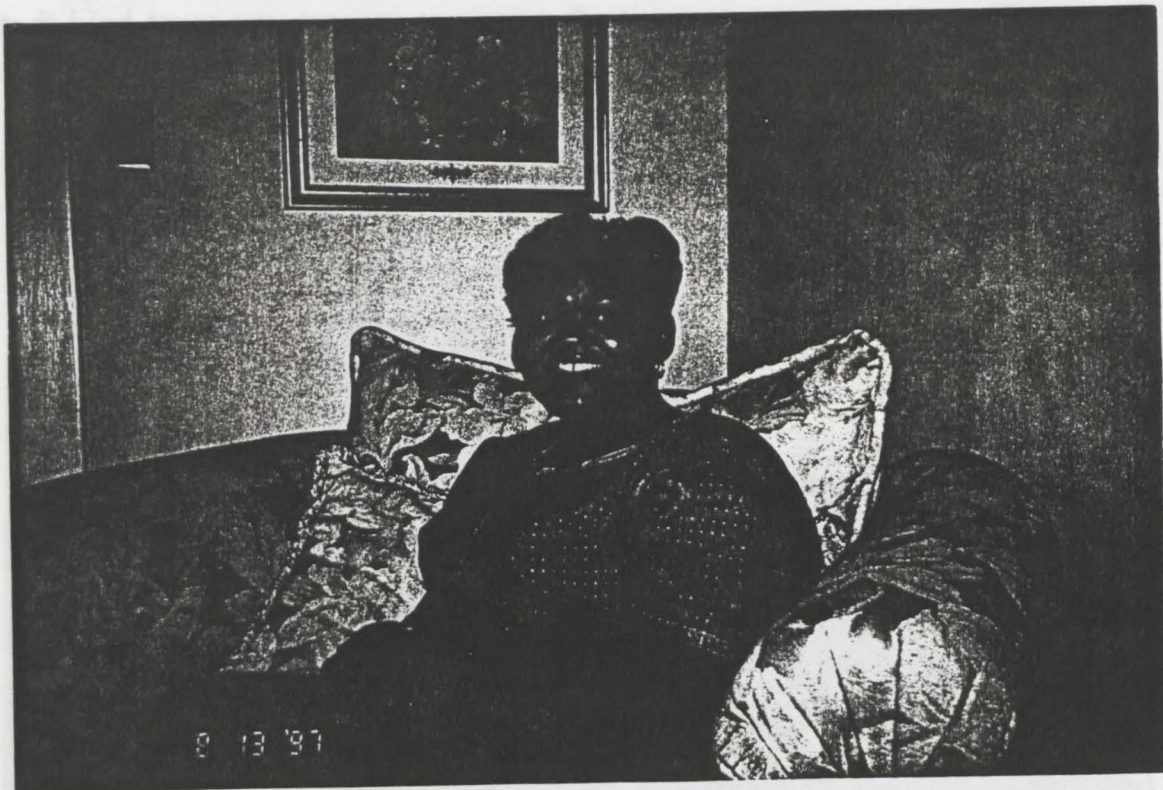
Mr. Blakey truly believes that all people are good, "we have all the talents to conquer anything." It is with this mind set that he encourages young adults to strive to have "moral values, good education and faith in themselves." He would like for children to be optimistic about their lives, "as African Americans we have come a long way to making great strides, but we can not stop."



"Anything can be conquered."

Elaine Benner-Minus

Ms. Elaine Minus attributes her success to family, faith and community influences. All three of these factors have aided her in shaping her values and aspirations, one of which is her vow to serve her community. As a home school liaison Ms. Minus has dedicated her life to children, her advice to children and young adults is to listen to your family. There is a lot to learn from them. She also encourages young people to "be patient with life."



"When much is given, one must give much in return."

Reverend James W. Battle

A native of Huntsville Alabama, Reverend Battle came to Minnesota in June of 1972 as the minister of Mount Olivet Baptist Church. He and his wife of thirty-eight years along with their three children have lived in St. Paul since their arrival to the state. He credits his father and grandparents for shaping the man he is today. They taught him respect for people, pride in ownership and appreciation for education. His family and religion have given him a great love for human beings.

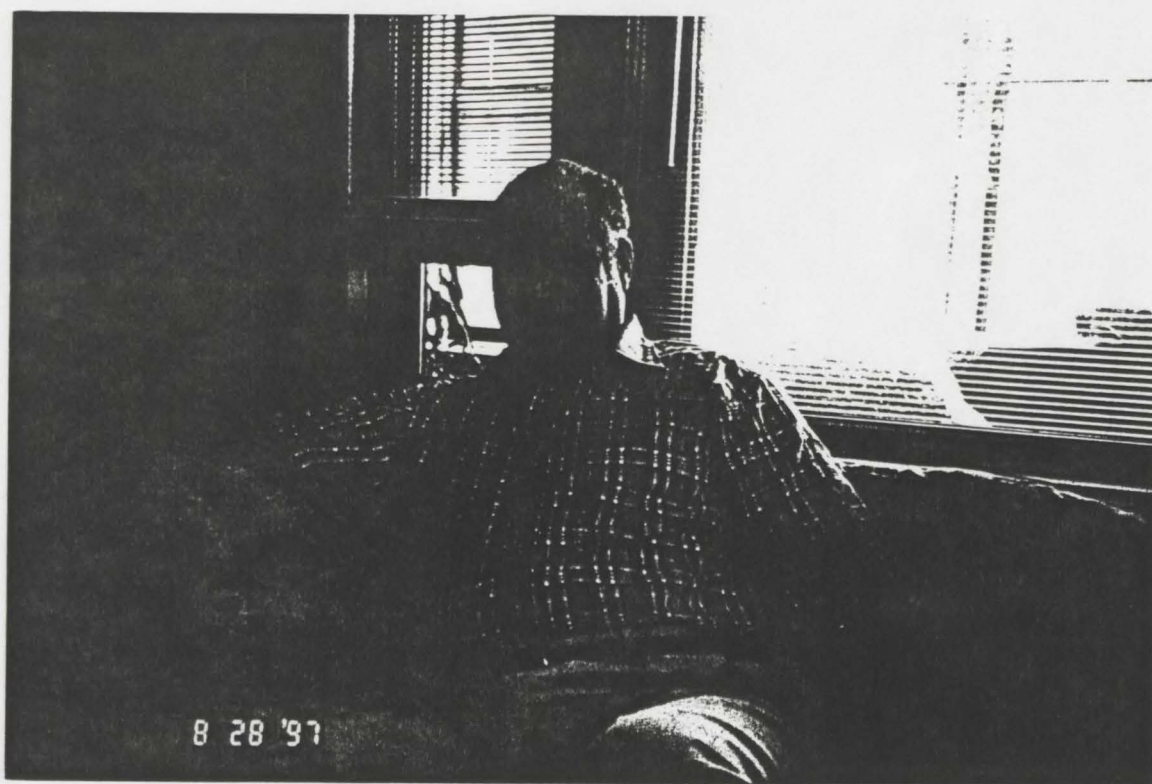
Reverend Battle would like children to "learn to respect elders, because there is a lot of knowledge and expertise they possess." He also believes that we must groom again the male and female model. "There are far too many men in the African American community that are not present, we must hold them accountable."



"If I have helped someone as I can help someone.....If I have encouraged people as I can encourage people....This is the measure I must use to judge whether I have succeeded"

John Allen

A life long resident and home owner in the Aurora Saint Anthony Neighborhood, Mr. Allen still lives in the home he grew up in as a child. This devoted husband and father credits discipline, family structure and male influences, especially those of his father and uncle for guiding him through life. He urges youth to stay in school, because education is the key to success. Mr. Allen also wants young adults to know that "the 21st century is not a very nice place for people with out education." Stay up to date with what is going on around you. "This means we need to go back to education as being our foundation."



"The future belongs to those who prepare for it."